

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 9671

Makoto NISHIMURA et al.

Attorney Docket No. 2003 0976A

Serial No. 10/620,611

Group Art Unit 3663

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Examiner Charlie Hung Le

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WORKING TUBEMail Stop: Amendment

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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Petition hereby is made for a two month extension of time to respond to the communication of December 12, 2006.

The fee of \$450.00 is

- (X) submitted herewith.
- () to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.
- () Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion which
 - () is enclosed.
 - () has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Makoto NISHIMURA et al.

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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZEL. TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975